

COULD NOT ENDURE LOSS OF FRIENDSHIP.

Strange Psychological Problem
Presented in the Case of Mrs.
Keck and Mrs. Hitchings.

ALMOST ENDED IN MURDER.

Were Devoted Friends Until Mrs.
Keck's Love Turned to Aversion
—Other Woman, She Alleges,
Shot and Stabbed Her.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Allentown, April 12.—Mrs. Emily S. Keck, who a week ago, was shot and seriously wounded by her former intimate friend, Mrs. Alice Hitchings, is improving, and when her recovery is assured, Mrs. Hitchings' attorneys will ask the court to admit the prisoner to bail. No date has been fixed for a hearing, and it is likely that the defense will waive the preliminary examination.

To the normal woman who believes that the ideal consists in the love of the right man for the right woman, Mrs. Hitchings and Mrs. Keck present a curious psychological problem.

Friendship Changed to Aversion.
They believed, after meeting each other, that the ideal consisted in a friendship between two women. Then one of them became weary of the other. Her regard changed to aversion. The one woman tried to win her friendship back by every wile at her command. Her overtures were greeted with sneers.

The next step was a tragedy. Now Alice Hitchings, mourning not for her freedom, but for her lost friend, is in jail for attempted murder, while Mrs. Emma Keck faces death in the hospital.
The alienist and the normal woman differ in the diagnosis of the causes which led to the alleged attempt at murder. Accustomed to look on all conditions as the result of ordinary as a form of disease, the alienist declares these cases are purely pathological and incurable. He would promptly hang both women and end all discussion of the case.

Gave Woman She Shot \$2,400.

The normal woman grants that his reasoning is logical, but refuses to accept his conclusion. She knows he may err in his swift judgment; men always being likely to blunder when trying to fathom women's souls.

Alice Hitchings has a kindly, motherly nature. Now, in prison, she talks of Mrs. Keck and her lost friendship, her eyes fill with tears.

"I did not shoot her," she whispered softly, "but she caused me to do it. What caused all the trouble between us? I gave her \$2,400, but I care nothing for that. At last I was forced to believe she only simulated friendship, and that hurt me so, for I believed in her implicitly once."

"Beautiful Friendship" at First.
"Our friendship began three years ago," she said. "I was then a young girl, and she was ready to do all I could for her. At last she would not speak to me. Yet our friendship was beautiful at first. We were not alike mentally. I was one of those who make a show of being different. In the old days, we were always harmonious. It lifted me up to talk to her, even though the conversation was of trivial things."

"I have no children. She has a 15-year-old daughter. She, too, was fond of me. I loved her, and she loved me. I followed her mother about, begging that she become reconciled, pleading for her. I asked only for one kind word. It was so little to give. I see it all now. She never could give. I was her friend."

Mrs. Keck's Version of the Matter.
Then Mrs. Keck gave her version: "I had been married for three years, and I was hiding behind a tree, and with the exclamation, 'Now, I've got you,' she sprang at me. First, she stabbed me, and then she fired. For a long time I have feared her. I would not renew our friendship, and she constantly followed me."

"I wanted to end our acquaintance entirely. I was disappointed in her on knowing her, and ceased to care for her. Many times I appealed to men for their protection from her when returning from my work at night. She was following me, and I feared to go alone."

"Better woman never lived than my wife," he said. "She is a good business woman. A man of sound judgment cannot understand why she permitted her mind to dwell on Mrs. Keck. I can only explain it in one way: the woman was of strong affection. When she cares for any one she gives her whole heart."

There is nothing she will not do for one. If her interest is aroused, she is entirely unselfish. She was a kind, good wife always. On one occasion I went to Mrs. Keck at my wife's request and asked her to receive the letter just once. She was so unkindly, Mrs. Keck agreed to see her. Alice called. For a long time afterwards she was happier, but Mrs. Keck refused to speak to her. They parted, and soon she was sorrowing more deeply than ever."

LEFT THOUSANDS TO HER PET DOG.

New York Recluse Gave \$10,000 in
Trust for the Maintenance
of Her Pets.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New York, April 12.—Miss Ellen A. Griffin, who was at one time prominent in social circles in this city, and who has for years been living the life of a recluse, in her will, which was made public after her death last week, left \$10,000 to her housekeeper, Mary McGivney, to be used for the maintenance of her pet black-and-tan dog, Dandy Jim, and her canary.

Miss Griffin was worth \$100,000 at the time of her death. Her will was carefully drawn by a lawyer. The rest of her property also is in trusts in Santa Barbara, Cal.

KING EDWARD'S ORDERS TO CATALOGUE WINDSOR LIBRARY

A London paper says that his Majesty has given orders that the collection of books in the library at Windsor Castle shall be thoroughly gone through and all editions included in the catalogue. It is not generally known that the library contains a great number of manuscript works, among other the scores of volumes which were acquired by George III. During her late Majesty's reign time, and some of them are now missing. This fact does not reflect on the care of the library, because in such and every instance the volumes were sent for by high authority. The books which were the property of her Majesty, the late Queen, are to be removed to Osborne Cottage, the new home of Princess Henry of Battenberg. The favorite novel of her Majesty, "The Princess of Thule," and after "Shall I Tell You?" by Henry of Battenberg named his yacht.

Automobiles in War.
Automobiles are to be used as army transport wagons. Trial experiments in France have been convincing, and the French believe in modern warfare. It is too late to note the different uses to which nature and science are put. On the battlefield they fight for the destruction of life, while throughout the country the French are Batters, one of nature's most scientific machines, fight to preserve it. For city warfare the Batters have been making great progress and carrying through, and all editions included in the catalogue. It is not generally known that the library contains a great number of manuscript works, among other the scores of volumes which were acquired by George III. During her late Majesty's reign time, and some of them are now missing. This fact does not reflect on the care of the library, because in such and every instance the volumes were sent for by high authority. The books which were the property of her Majesty, the late Queen, are to be removed to Osborne Cottage, the new home of Princess Henry of Battenberg. The favorite novel of her Majesty, "The Princess of Thule," and after "Shall I Tell You?" by Henry of Battenberg named his yacht.

Wash Dress Goods.

Mercerized Zephyrs,
 45c Goods at 25c

100 pieces imported Mercerized Zephyrs, in beautiful new Stripes, Plaids and Lace effects, in the latest shades of old rose, pink, light blue, greens, helio, ecru, yellows and grays. Our buyer, now in the Eastern market, secured this plum, and we will "pass it along" to our customers.

Choice Mercerized Zephyrs—
 Regular 45-cent goods— 25c
 On Monday

THE GREAT CHARM ABOUT THIS CASH-SELLING STORE IS ITS FRESHNESS!

No old stories—each announcement tells of the real life of the store at time of writing.
And to-day we tell of goods very much under the prices you will pay in any other dry goods house in St. Louis.

Our Annual Sale Of Odds and Ends of Fine Kid Gloves.

Monday morning we will commence our annual sale of all our broken lots of our **Finest Kid Gloves**, including **Trefosse Goods, Blaines, Souvenirs and Dorothys.**

Monday, **\$1.10** Pair
\$1.85 "Elaine," 3 clasp—
\$1.88 Nugent's "Premium Pique"—
\$1.75 Gant Pique—
Monday, **\$1.10** Pair
\$1.65 Souvenir, 3 clasp—
Monday, **\$1.10** Pair
\$1.50 Banner, 4-hook lacing—
Monday, **\$1.10** Pair

4 Big Bargains in Muslins and Pillow Cases

Come and See Them—You'll Be Surprised at the Values Offered.

2 bales extra heavy unbleached Muslin—
well worth 45c—
Monday, **45c**
6 cases yard-wide soft finished bleached Muslin, that our domestic buyer says is equal to Hill's Semper Idem, that sells for 8c yard—
Monday, **5c**
1 case yard-wide extra fine regular 11c quality cambric—
Monday, **7c**
100 dozen ready-made bleached Pillow Cases, sizes 42x36, and sold regularly at 11c each—
Monday, **9c**

In Basement.

Rare Values Monday in Boys' Clothing.

You cannot form any idea of the bargains we offer unless you see them.

Boys' Strictly All-Wool Knee Pants; each pair made with double seat and knees; good 75c value—
Monday, **39c**
Boys' regular \$4.00 All-Wool Suits—2-piece double-breasted—size 8 to 16 years—
Monday, **2.50**
Boys' Strictly All-Wool Sailor Suits, in navy-blue serge, ages 8 to 16 years; collar and shield trimmed with silk braid and soutache—every suit with an extra white pique shirt, **Monday 3.48**
And These—
Boys' 3-piece Vest Suits, sizes 8 to 16; good \$5.00 value—
Monday, **3.95**
Boys' Washable Knee Pants, sizes 8 to 15 years; warranted fast colors—
Monday, **25c**

In Our Babies' Corner.

A Magnificent Showing.

Beautiful White Pique Reckers, in all the latest designs; prices \$4.00, \$3.95, \$2.90 and as low as—
Monday, **1.10**
New Beautiful Bengaline Silk Reckers; Empire style, with Bishop sleeves and lace trimmed collar; pink, white or light blue—
Monday, **5.50**
A Full Line of **TRIMMED HATS**—
Monday, **50c to 7.95**

Special Bargains for the Wee Baby.

Infants' Corded China Silk Caps, with Lace Pompons and silk Ties; regular value \$1.00—
Monday, **55c**
Infants' Long Cloaks of Bedford Cord, wide collar, trimmed with silk braid and lace ruff; regular value—
Monday, **1.95**
Infants' Long Dresses, yoke and skirt, trimmed with Val lace; regular value \$1.65—
Monday, **1.00**

Two Special Values in Ladies' Petticoats.

Choices of Petticoats of Pure Linen, in natural shades, full umbrella style and finished with strap seams, together with Mercerized Satene Petticoats, made with six rows of cording and two small ruffles each one generously wide, choice of black or color—
Monday, **1.00** Each

Black Grenadines.

Splendid Values in these Popular Goods.

10 pieces on Monday of 45-inch all-silk Mexican and Iron Frame Grenadines—
Monday, **1.00** yd
10 pieces on Monday of 45-inch silk and mohair mixed Grenadine, in plain and fancy weaves—
Monday, **1.25** yd
10 pieces on Monday of 45-inch silk and wool Grenadine, in new stripes—
Monday, **2.35** yd

Thank You, Very Much

For the Merriest Race We Ever Had to Keep up with Your Demands for

Nugent's Millinery.

Never at any previous season has the verdict of approval of our styles been so pronounced. There is an exclusive individuality so characteristic of our Millinery—distinct styles that completely fascinate every woman—just what it is we want to do the Millinery business of the city. No woman, no lover of the beautiful, should miss seeing our really wonderful display.

Trimmed Hats from 2.50 to 15.00
Special for Monday.
100 Elegantly Trimmed Tucked Chiffon Hats \$4.95

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Garments.

'Tis not the size of canvas, nor the cost of frame, that makes the picture—so, in regard to dress, "good materials are often spoiled in the making." Every woman naturally wishes to appear well in the matter of dress, and it's simply an error of judgment when she doesn't succeed. It is that something we call art, the product of genius, coupled with indomitable ambition and long experience, which makes this great department of ours stand alone in this city.

We Call Your Attention to a Few Especially Good and Entirely New Things to Be Had This Week.

Tailor-Made Suits.

We offer you choice of two styles Ladies' Tailor-made suits: one with silk vest and silk skirt; the other with blue or brown cheviot, light weight and lined with velvet. Materials are homespun, chevrons and Venetian striped, colors, light and dark brown, black, blue or black; sizes from 32 to 40 bust; one of the best-fitting suits ever made and ready to wear in regular way of selling—
Our Price will be but—
Monday, **16.75**

Foulard Silk Costumes.

We offer a lot of very high-grade Suits for large women from \$6 to \$14 bust measure. Made in style of fine black, blue or brown cheviot, light weight and lined throughout with tulle silk; and "in the new ruffled wrap skirt, trimmed with stitched folds of tulle; a dress strictly worth \$16.00 anywhere—
Our Price is but—
Monday, **19.50**

Taffeta Silk Suits.

We offer this week a lot of fine black Taffeta Silk Suits—
Monday, **27.50**

Sicilian Suits.

We put on sale this week a lot just received of the new Sicilian Suits—tulle lined Tulle coats, with lace, narrow striped tulle collar and vest—colors, black, blue or gray—
Monday, **18.75**

Sicilian Raglans.

We have just opened a line of these Raglans—
Monday, **15.00 and 18.75** Each

Separate Silk Etons.

A new and well line of these will be put on Monday—made of fine Tulle Silk—lined with tulle, with satin edges—vest and small collared bustles—
Monday, **10.00**

Waterproof Silks.

We are Sole Agents in St. Louis for
Oriental Waterproof Silks
In New Foulard Styles.
Thoroughly Impervious to Water.

April showers have no terrors for all who wear ORIENTAL WATERPROOF SILKS.
Special Foulard Styles in Oriental Waterproof Silks—
Monday, **50c and 75c**
Also Plain Black Waterproof Silks.
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